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PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION  
by 4-H Clubs  
IN NATIONAL SAFETY CONGRESS

I. The Situation

The National Safety Congress meets annually in Chicago with an attendance of 12,000 people, representing all groups interested in and supporting safety programs.

One important department of the National Safety Congress is the Farm Sessions which are attended by representatives of most rural organizations and agencies. During 1953 and 1954 a youth section has been held in connection with the Farm Sessions. In 1954, some 60 people attended. The groups represented were 4-H Clubs, FFA, rural youth, Farm Bureau youth and juvenile Grange. Some 12 4-H Club youth attended.

The Farm Sessions including the Youth Section are planned and developed by the National Conference for Farm Safety which is the program planning and supervisory body for farm safety for the National Safety Council. The Farm Conference is composed of agricultural leaders, both men and women, who represent the various agricultural organizations and agencies of the country.

The Youth Section is open for attendance by any young people either on an individual basis or as representatives of the various youth organizations. It has the approval of the 4-H Subcommittee. Extension farm safety specialists usually attend. Most of the youth are currently FFA, sent by commercial organizations or firms, as winners in their safety programs. The youth program is separate from other meetings, but one or two joint meetings are held with the adult groups.

The Farm Conference is deeply concerned to develop the youth section. It is willing to cooperate in any appropriate way to assist 4-H participation in the best interests of 4-H Club work. The National Safety Congress is a logical place to use as a resource to best develop a 4-H safety program.

II. Purposes

- A. To offer the opportunity to States to send the appropriate 4-H Club members and 4-H leadership to participate in a training program useful in the development of their own 4-H safety programs.
- B. To provide the opportunity to recognize 4-H members and 4-H leadership for achievements in the field of safety.
- C. To provide the opportunity for youth to participate in and understand the place and significance of one of the important and worthy programs of our Nation.

### III. Planning

- A. Work out plans to expedite program, jointly, among the National Farm Safety Conference, the National 4-H Club Safety Committee and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work.
- B. Suggestion regarding persons needed to come from States to best carry out the objectives. Some of these are:

- 1. Youth

- a. Junior leaders
  - b. Safety winners
  - c. Members of safety committees
  - d. Other youth representatives

- 2. Adults

Some local leaders, county extension agents, State specialists, and State administrators are needed to assist with the planning and to guide the discussions. A portion of their time should be spent in the adult sessions.

It is realized that selection will be made by the States and in terms most useful to them.

- C. Finances

- 1. A national fund is suggested to bring in a few persons per State to guarantee the program. One possibility is now in sight. Others would be welcome to attend either at their own expense or through other arrangements.
- 2. States will find several groups interested in safety who would like to underwrite part of the program. Both the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work and the National Farm Safety Conference will help with arranging donors.

- D. In States with State farm and home safety committees, work with this group in arranging participation and finances.

It is suggested that chaperonage of youth may be handled by Extension workers in attendance as safety specialists, county workers, or State 4-H staff.

- E. It is planned to develop a steady growth in attendance and participation. It is assumed that States with farm safety specialists will want to consider this plan for 1955, and also those States now deeply interested in 4-H Safety programs.

#### IV. Carrying Out the Program

- A. The intent will be to carry out the purposes as stated. The program may deal with the total program of the National Safety Congress, the total program of the Farm Safety Conference, a large unit with all other youth groups in the youth section, with some time to 4-H safety programs. A fine balance of grassroots programs and national points of emphasis will need to be worked out.

#### V. Results

These are the outcomes expected:

- A. The development of an effective improvement safety program in the clubs, counties and States.
- B. Awareness by 4-H people of the tremendous significance of the national safety program.
- C. Recognition of achievements in 4-H Safety programs.
- D. Development of leadership in the nation-wide farm safety movement.







